

Sunday to Sunday

A Journal of Our Daily Walk with Our Redeemer, Christ Jesus
For the week of October 26 - November 1, 2025

Birthdays This Week

26 Connor Ott
26 Riley Lehman
29 Eric Sass
29 Erica Dedert
30 Josh Holtman
1 Tory Hufendick

Baptismal Birthdays This Week

26 Rosie Meyer
26 Alexander Smith
27 Nick Allen
27 Dane Blickhan
27 Chris Allen
31 Lori Schenck

Congregational Breakfast to Honor Reva Ehmen Today, **Sunday, October 26, 2025**, at **10 AM**

Thanksgiving Cards are now available. Christmas cards are coming soon. All cards are still **50 cents** each.

Quilters just shipped **104 quilts** to **Lutheran World Relief** on Friday, October 24. **Thank you to all who helped** create the quilts and help prepare them for shipment. Your efforts mean so much!

You are Needed to Make a Joyful Noise!

Please consider joining Choir; we meet on **Tuesday nights at 7 PM** and are especially looking for higher voices of all ages! Families are welcome and no experience is needed. We sing in church once a month.

High School Youth Our next event is **Saturday, November 1, 2025, from 8:30 AM – 4 PM** at **St. James** for a day of worship, study, service, and fun. Then we will **deliver Thanksgiving Baskets** on **November 23**. December will be a Christmas party.

Junior High Youth We will meet the second Wednesday of each month from **5:30-6:30 pm**. They can invite their friends.

Current Dollar for Missions project: 45-year-old insulation in the chancel ceiling at Wittenberg Lutheran Center, Normal has fallen from its original place under the roof. It needs to be **replaced**, in what figures to be an expensive job calling for ingenious work involving a high ceiling. This DFM project is for **\$10,000**. For more, see <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-dfm-current-project.html>

Offerings donated to Lutheran Bible Translators from the **Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class** for the month of **Sept.** were **\$183.00**.

St. James Church Secretary Position –We are immediately opening the position for applications. If you or someone you know is interested in a **part-time (about 20 hours/week) position**, please email Pastor Riley at mriley@stjamesquincy.org for more information (job description, etc.).

St. Paul's Lutheran in Havana, IL (121 N. Pearl St. Havana, IL 62644) will be celebrating our **175th Anniversary** with a Divine Service on **November 2nd at 3:00 pm**. For questions, please contact Pastor Heinze 217-617-7947.

Sunday School Offerings for September and October are designated for the KidzPacks program in Quincy. **KidzPacks** is a nonprofit organization that provides weekend meals and snacks to Quincy Public School Pre-K - 5th grade students enrolled in the free lunch program. Approximately 56.7% of QPS students qualify as low income and are eligible to receive free/reduced lunches (2021). KidzPacks serves approximately **1,000 children each week**. Our mission is to provide these students with readily accessible food options to take home over the weekends and during breaks from school. Students need healthy, enjoyable food choices they can prepare on their own. **Our children face many challenges in life and learning, but being hungry should not be one of them. We truly believe the best investment in our future is to invest in our children.**

The first round of college care packages has been completed! Care Packages are prepared for current members or a son/daughter of a current member. These are both for local college students and those attending away from home. If a college student missed the first package, they can fill out the form and be included in future mailings! **College students should use this form to submit information and addresses for the 2025-2026 school year.** Students are encouraged to complete the form as there are specific questions for them. Information and addresses must be submitted each year (*even if it remains the same*.) COMPLETE the REQUEST FORM to be included. The request form can be accessed at <https://forms.gle/Z5UuVhzZVB7bKzmcA> If there are any questions, those may be directed to Melissa Knapp or Malinda Eden.

We had some non-food items donated last year, and chips were donated in August (*thank you!*). A Thrivent card was used to purchase a large quantity of the items to stock our care package shelves for the fall. We always welcome donations! (*Monetary donations that help cover postage and other items can be noted for "College Care Packages."*) **Here are some ideas if you wish to drop off items:** *Vanilla or chocolate puddings cups, packages of instant oatmeal, Ramen packs of chicken, beef, etc., individual macaroni and cheese packets, microwave popcorn packs, hot chocolate packets, drink mix packets to add to water, Fun size of Snickers, Reese peanut butter cups, skittles, starbursts, etc., packs of gum, individual packs of nuts, trail mix packets, and peanut butter cracker packages.* **Pharmacy Pill Bottles!** College Care packages can use them! Please wash them (*so we don't have any tablet residue*;) and remove the label the best you can (*it will be covered by a new label*.) These allow us to send the students scented laundry pods and do a great job of containing the scent so it doesn't fill the rest of the box!

All donated items and pill bottles can be dropped off in the designated College Care Package basket near the top of the stairs by the south entrance.

Thank you for the prayers for my son Josh during his cancer treatments. We are thankful God has blessed him with great results and now is in remission. *Shelly Holtman*

This Week at Our Redeemer

Sunday, October 26: *Pentecost 20 (DS IV) - Reformation Sunday*
9:00 AM Holy Communion Streamed online
 10:00 AM Congregational Breakfast to Honor Reva Ehmen

Monday, October 27:

Tuesday, October 28: 9:15 AM Bible Study
 7:00 PM Choir

Wednesday, October 29: 6:45 AM Trip to Concordia Seminary Saint Louis

Thursday, October 30: 6:45 AM Coach House Bible Study

Friday, October 31: *Reformation Day*

Saturday, November 1: *All Saints' Day*
5:00 PM Holy Communion

Sunday, November 2: *Pentecost 21 (DS I) – All Saints' Sunday*
9:00 AM Holy Communion Streamed online
 10:15 AM Adult Bible Class & Sunday School

Response Last Weekend to God's Grace

Attendance	Oct. 19	Offerings	Oct. 19
Saturday at 5:00 PM	45	Needed Each Month	\$33,872.35
Sunday at 9:00 AM	83	Received Last Month	\$20,708.17
Total Attendance	128	Received This Month	\$33,324.12
<i>Total Communed</i>	<i>112</i>	Needed This Year	\$406,468.21
Adult Bible Class	23	Received This Year	\$289,508.81
Sunday School	22	Received This Week	\$2,385.00

Scrip Update:

Week ending:	14-Sep	21-Sep	5-Oct	19-Oct
Profit:	\$62.02	\$69.85	\$100.81	\$124.04
# orders:	7	7	13	16
Profit/Order:	\$8.86	\$9.98	\$7.75	\$7.75
Overall Profit:	\$2,204.17	\$2,274.02	\$2,374.83	\$2,498.87

Thank you for your continued support of Lutheran education. Celebration

November 9: Veterans Day Sunday
November 10: Final First Communion Class at 6:30 PM
November 16: First Communion
November 16: St. James School sings at Our Redeemer Church at 9 AM
December 21: Sunday School Bible Bowl
February 1, 2026: Lutheran Hour Ministries Sunday
February 1, 2026: St. James School sings at the Lutheran Church of Saint John at 10:30 AM
March 8, 2026: St. James School sings at St. James Church at 10:30 AM

We cordially invite the Central Illinois District to join us for **Trinity Lutheran-Peoria's Oktoberfest (noon-1:30) & Reformation Hymn Festival (2:00 pm)** on **Sunday, October 26** at Trinity Lutheran Church, 135 NE Randolph Ave., Peoria. Under the direction of our Cantor Peter Wykert, the hymn festival theme is "God Is Our Refuge", focusing on Psalm 46. Musical selections will include choral and congregational singing with organ, piano, brass, percussion, and contemporary instrumentation. All Central Illinois District singers are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the choir. If you are interested in doing so, contact Cantor Peter Wykert at peterwykert@trinitypeoria.com. You will be provided with practice tracks and PDF's of the music notation. All are invited to join us for food and fellowship at our **Oktoberfest Meal, served from noon to 1:30 p.m.** in the gym at Trinity. The menu includes: Sausages, Schnitzel, Potatoes, apple sauce, and homemade Sauerkraut. So that Trinity can prepare accordingly, we do ask for people to RSVP through this link <https://subsplash.com/tlcepeoria/lb/ev/+y7948xh> or you can find the sign up on the main page at <https://trinitypeoria.com/>

CID Junior High Youth Event – Save the Date “Make A Joyful Noise” Saturday, November 8, 2025
Camp CILCA 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (sign-in will start at 8:30 am) Cost \$40 per youth --- \$0 for adult leaders (includes Lunch, T-shirt, and a full day of activities) Start planning now to attend this Junior High Youth Event. Registration, long-sleeve t-shirt orders, and additional information will be found at the following link: <https://forms.gle/KaSiitVeioUgLBQU9> **Deadline** for registration is **October 20th**. After that date, individuals can still register up to October 30th, **but will not receive a t-shirt**.

MUSIC FOR MISSIONS – St. John's Lutheran Church in Pekin is hosting a **Sacred Music Concert and Hymn Sing in support of our Immanuel Lutheran Student Center**, our LCMS Central Illinois District Campus Ministry at Western Illinois University, Macomb, on **Sunday, November 16, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.** We will join together in singing some hymns, and in listening to sacred organ, choir, vocal solo, and hand bell music, all under the theme, "Hymns of Our Heavenly Home." Featured musicians will include guest organist Peter Wykert, vocalists Allison Harley and Jennifer Rosa, as well as the St. John's Hand Bell and Sanctuary Choirs. A **free will offering** will be gathered to help support our Immanuel Lutheran Student Center in Macomb, which is conducted under the leadership of Pastor Chris Hull. Refreshments will be served following the program. Please set aside the time to participate in and enjoy the music program, and to support our

Central Illinois District mission work. The church is located at 711 Court Street in Pekin. For more information you may contact the church office at 309-347-213

The following students are some of the students receiving care packages from ORLC. (Some students preferred not to have their information shared.)

Becky Altenberger, National University of Health Sciences, Graduate school, Naturopathic Medicine
Alayna Schlipman, Bradley University, Graduate school, Dietetics
Elle Ehmen, University of Mississippi, Senior, Elementary Education
Harrison Knapp, University of Alabama, Senior, Computer Science & Mathematics
Elizabeth Hea, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Junior, Clinical Psychology
Thalia Wolfmeyer, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Junior, Physics
Lily Hayes, John Wood Community College, Sophomore, Criminal Justice
Anderson Knapp, University of Alabama, Sophomore, Biology
Grace Vaughn, Illinois College Sophomore, Biology
Bradley Longcor, Santa Clara University, Freshman, Undecided
Elizabeth Lucas, John Wood Community College, Freshman, Chemistry

Good News for the St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund! Once again, ORLC is blessed to have an anonymous donor offer to **match up to \$5,000.00 in donations** to the endowment fund. This **matching challenge will run until the end of the year**. If you are not familiar with this endowment or have any questions about it, please check with any of the committee members.

Checks should be made out to: **ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund**

Committee: Michele Clevenger, Marty Otto, Monica and Larry Foster, Jerry and Becky Lunt

Matching Fundraiser: Tuition Assistance Fund for St. James School. Looking for another way to help students at St. James Lutheran School in addition to ORLC's Endowment Fund? ORLC Voters have approved up to **\$10,000 in matching funds** to go to the **Tuition Assistance Fund** at St. James School so whatever you donate will effectively be doubled! This **matching challenge will run to the end of the year**. If you are not familiar with this fund, each year St. James offers tuition assistance to families of students not assisted by our Lutheran congregations. The **need for the next school year** is estimated to be **\$22,000. Please make checks payable to: "ORLC" with "SJLC Tuition Assistance Fund"** in the **memo line**. Your donation will only be used for Tuition Assistance to St. James school families. *Contact Ryan Vaughn with questions.*

ORLC Baseball Caps & Visors are available at the Scrip table for **\$15 donation to LWML Missions**. Checks made payable to ORLC LWML (*put "Hats" in memo line*) & can be placed under the church office door.

Bella Ease Care Closet Open Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30 PM, 707 Broadway, for personal Hygiene Products

Bella Ease Join the guys for good food and good discussions. **All Dads are welcome!** 3rd Thursdays from 6-7:30 PM, 707 Broadway. Childcare available. RSVP to bellaease.com/event or call 217-209-0632

Inkjet Cartridge Recycling. Each cartridge is examined for its value. Even the ones which they cannot use and refill we will **receive 25 cents** each for our effort. Your combined efforts of simply recycling your inkjet cartridges will result in a larger sum being sent to Uganda. Here's how you can help: 1. Bring your used INKJET cartridges and deposit them in the collection box outside of the church office. OR 2. If you prefer to mail your own cartridges (*at least 7*) you can do so by using our **PROGRAM ID: 31683** at planetgreenrecycle.com to request a **FREE USPS label** to print and mail.

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Bella Ease Motivation Mondays at 10 AM Set Goals, Create a Plan, Overcome Obstacles, Make Life Happen at 707 Broadway.

October 26, 2025 - We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. To work on your Christian Estate Plan today, you must decide if you are more controlled by past goals or future dreams. Throughout life, many of our decisions are based on financial budget decisions, whether we can afford this or that, planning for retirement. As life changes, we start anticipating when we get to go home to be with Jesus, instead of focusing on the temporary needs of this life. That can change our perspective about our gift plan in our Christian Estate plan, that focused on transferring blessings to family or ministry. There is freedom at this point in life. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you to explore that new freedom. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfn.org

For the week of November 2: CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfue.org: We're continuing our series, "Letters from Prison" on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT)! This week we'll begin the letter to the Colossians. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we study the Gospel of Matthew. This week, we are covering chapters 18-19. Don't forget to join us this Saturday (11/8 at 10 a.m. CT) for Concord Matters! We're studying the 3rd Article of the Apostles' Creed in the Large Catechism. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or in the KFUE Radio app!